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THE ELECTION AND WORKING TOGETHER

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, we have had a regularly scheduled election in this country every 2 years since 1788. This year's campaign was long and it was tough, and I think everyone is glad it is over. I think Americans are ready to come together and move the country forward.

As President Obama reminded us, we are all on one team. This is an intramural scrimmage. We are not Democrats first. We are not Republicans first. We are Americans first. We are patriots first. Now, as he put it, we are all rooting for the success of the President-elect for uniting and leading the country.

I want to congratulate President-Elect Trump on his victory. I want to thank the American people for placing their trust in this Senate majority and the House majority as well. Speaker RYAN and I had productive discussions with the President-elect last week. We are both looking forward to working with him, but first there is work to be done in the current session of the Senate.

We will welcome some new Members, beginning with orientation this week. We will bid farewell to some dear colleagues. We will finish the work that remains before us.

So welcome back, everyone. We still have some work to do, and with some cooperation from both sides, we will get it done.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader is recognized.

THANKING THE SENATE CHAPLAIN AND WELCOMING EVERYONE BACK

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I very much appreciate the prayer of Admiral Black. He always does his best to set the tone. I appreciate the tone that he has set this afternoon. I appreciate him and what he does very much.

I welcome everyone back. We have been gone quite some time. We have a lot of work to do the next few weeks, and we will do our best to get it done as quickly as we can.

REMEMBERING GWEN IFILL

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I would like to say just a few words about Gwen Ifill. It really was too bad that she died at age 61. She was a woman who broke barriers. Every step of her life was something new and inspirational for those around her.

I watch the "NewsHour" as often as I can, and I will miss her. I thought she had such a fine way of presenting herself in the news that she reported. Every night she would do the nightly review. She was really a good person, and I will miss her. I think we all will.

THE ELECTION OF DONALD TRUMP

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have been in politics for five decades. I have not seen anything like what we are seeing today in America. The man who lost the popular vote by 2 million votes is now the President-elect. I will repeat that. A man who lost the election by 2 million votes or more is now the President-elect.

His election has sparked a wave of hate crimes across America. This is a simple statement of fact, but it raises critical questions for us as a country and as a nation. How do we respond to the election of Donald Trump?

The Democrats want to work with Mr. Trump when we can. I understand and respect the impulse because Democrats like to get things done. That is why most of us are in government in the first place.

For example, Democrats have been trying for multiple decades to get Republicans to invest in our deteriorating infrastructure. What kind of makeup do we have in the infrastructure? Some say \$1 trillion; some say \$3 trillion. It is really badly in need of help and repair. It is an automatic job creator. Over these decades, each time we tried to do something on infrastructure, Republicans obstructed. So if we can finally get Republicans to make the job-creating infrastructure investments we have been seeking for years, that would be a welcome development for the Senate and the country.

If Trump wants to pursue policies that will help working people, Democrats will take a pragmatic approach. Democrats have a responsibility to improve the lives of Americans, but we also have other responsibilities. We have a responsibility to be the voice of millions of Americans sitting at home, afraid that they are not welcome anymore in Donald Trump's America. We have a responsibility to prevent Trump's bullying, aggressive behavior from becoming normalized in the eyes of Americans, especially to the many young people who are watching and wondering, for example, if sexual assault is now a laughing matter.

We have a responsibility to say that it is not normal for the KKK and groups like the Klan to celebrate the election of a President they view as their champion with a victory parade. They have one scheduled. In other words, we have a responsibility to lead.

Outside this Senate Chamber, workers can be heard hammering away on the platform for the inauguration ceremony. It will take months to do it, but it will be done right. In 65 days Donald Trump will step onto that platform. For 4 years he will wield the loudest

and most powerful microphone in the world. But even as those workers hammer away on Trump's platform, and even as we as leaders accept the results of this election, we must also give voice to those who are afraid because there are many who are afraid.

Indeed, a majority of Americans opposed Donald Trump. Many of my Republican colleagues in this Chamber opposed Trump. They were not alone. Trump will be the first President to take office having lost the popular vote by 2 million.

Every day for the past week, the majority of American voters have awakened to a difficult reality: Not only did the man who lost the popular vote win the election, but his election sparked a rise in hate crimes and threats of violence. Since Election Day, the Southern Poverty Law Center has reported hundreds of incidents of harassment and intimidation. The last count reported is 315 from their calculations.

Overwhelmingly, the hateful acts are anti-Muslim, anti-Hispanic, anti-African American, anti-woman, anti-LGBT, anti-Semitic, and anti-Asian.

I have heard these stories from friends and family. My and my wife's Nevada physician is a Pakistani-American of Muslim faith. We think so much of him. We have known each other for 35 years. The day after the election my friend was in a restaurant in Las Vegas having dinner. A man approached him in a threatening manner and said: Where are you from? He said: Where are you from? The man said: I'm local. The doctor said: So am I.

That same night, in another restaurant in Las Vegas, another friend of mine who is also a Pakistani-American physician was having dinner. A man walked up to him in the same manner and said: Where are you from? He said he was from Pakistan. The other man said: Why don't you go back?

One of my staffers has a daughter in middle school. I have known that little girl since she was a little baby. The day after the election, the principal addressed the entire student body on the school's PA system because of two incidents that had occurred that he wanted to talk about. In one instance, a boy yelled at a Latina student, saying he was glad she was being deported now that Trump was President.

Another boy was sent home for yelling a derogatory, hateful term to an African-American student. The boy justified himself by saying he could use that language now that Trump was President.

In Spokane, WA, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center was defaced with the same hateful word.

Those are only a few examples that people close to me have related. But these disturbing accounts have been heard across America.

I have a compilation of many of these incidents. One is from NBC news. Another is from another publication. There is a headline: "Hundreds of Hate Crimes Reported Since the Election."

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that they be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[Nov. 14, 2016]

NBC—HUNDREDS OF HATE CRIMES REPORTED SINCE ELECTION: SPLC CHELSEA BAILEY

More than 300 incidents of harassment or intimidation have been reported following Donald Trump's election Tuesday night, the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) told NBC News Monday.

The SPLC first published its report on post-election incidents on Friday but said reports have continued to stream in. They found that harassment most commonly occurred in K-12 schools and on university campuses. Many, though not all incidents, involved direct references to the Trump campaign, according to the group's report.

The anti-intolerance watchdog said it will continue to tally incidents of hate and harassment reported through social media, news reports and direct submissions to its website.

The Law Center said they were unable to independently verify each incident reported, but NBC News has separately confirmed dozens.

Some incidents of hate crimes that NBC News has confirmed independently:

On Sunday, a rector found the words "Trump Nation, Whites Only" scrawled on the walls of the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour in Silver Spring, Maryland. The church offers weekly Spanish-language services.

The University of Michigan issued a campus safety alert Sunday after a Muslim student told police a white male demanded she remove her hijab or he would "set her on fire with a lighter." Police are investigating.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo ordered state police to open a multi-agency hate crimes investigation into reports that a swastika and the word "Trump" was spray painted on the walls of a residence hall at SUNY Geneseo.

In Philadelphia, police are searching for the man who graffitied "Trump Rules" and "Black B* * *" onto the hood of a woman's van.

Parishioners found graffiti on the walls of St. David's Episcopal Church in Indiana. A swastika, "Heil Trump" and "F* * * Church" were spray painted on the walls of the church, which performs same-sex weddings, WTHR reports.

"Colored" and "Whites Only" signs were placed above drinking fountains at First Coast High School in Jacksonville, Florida, a district spokeswoman confirmed with NBC News.

Mere hours after Trump won the election, "Make America White Again" was scrawled across the wall of a softball field in Wellsville, New York. Police are investigating.

Also on Monday, the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting division also released its annual "Hate Crimes Statistics" report, tracking the number of bias-motivated incidents reported to law enforcement officials in 2015. The number of hate crimes rose 6 percent in 2015, according to the report, and the vast majority (59 percent) of victims were targeted because of their race or ethnicity.

Attacks motivated by religious bias and sexual orientation were also among the most frequently reported types of hate crimes. The number of reported anti-Muslim hate crimes spiked in 2015, growing by an astonishing 66 percent, according to the FBI report.

In all, more than 5,800 incidents of hate crimes were reported to authorities, involv-

ing 7,121 victims. Of the known offenders, "48.4 percent were white, 24.3 percent were African American, and race was unknown for 16.2 percent of offenders," according to the report.

Related: How the 2016 Election Exposed America's Racial and Cultural Divides.

In addition to monitoring anti-Arab bias, the report also tracked incidents of anti-religious bias for seven additional religions for the first time. The expanded report now tracks anti-religious bias against Buddhist, Eastern Orthodox, Hindu, Jehovah's Witness, Mormon, Sikh and other Christian victims.

Monday's report marks the 25th anniversary of the FBI's efforts to compile data around hate crimes. The report contains data from nearly 15,000 law enforcement agencies.

[Updated: Nov. 14, 2016]

BUZZFEED—HERE ARE 26 REPORTED RACIST INCIDENTS AFTER DONALD TRUMP'S VICTORY TASNEEM NASHRULLA

"THIS IS THE NORMAL."

1. Threatening "vigilante" fliers calling for torture of "university leaders spouting off all this diversity garbage" were posted in bathrooms across Texas State University after Donald Trump's win in the elections.

"Now that our man TRUMP is elected and republicans own both the senate and the house—time to organize tar and feather VIGILANTE SQUADS and go arrest and torture those deviant university leaders spouting off all this Diversity Garbage," the fliers, which were glued to bathrooms and minors in buildings across the campus, said.

Other fliers criticized the the concept of diversity and its proponents.

One flier said, "NO OTHER RACE (BUT WHITES) HAS BENT OVER BACKWARDS to assure that all non-whites receive a 'fair shake' in being part of American life, even to the detriment and social well-being of 'our own kinds' (whites)." The flier said "multiculturalism" and "diversity" and "code-words for white genocide."

The Texas State University Police was investigating the incident, President Denise M. Trauth said in a statement. Trauth said she was aware of reports of "action and expression that have occurred on campus following the recent elections in our country."

"Actions such as pasting flyers to bathroom mirrors amounts to criminal activity, and our university police are investigating these incidents," Trauth said. "Texas State strives to maintain an atmosphere that protects free speech, but one that is respectful to other members of the Bobcat community."

The university police did not return BuzzFeed News' request for comment.

2. Racial slurs and threats, including the n-word, "Go back to Africa," and "Whites only," along with pro-Trump slogans were found scrawled in a high school bathroom in Minnesota on Nov. 9.

Police said they were investigating the graffiti found in the boys bathroom at Maple Grove Senior High School. The graffiti included F* * *allPorchmonkeys, #Whitesonly, Trump Train, #Gobacktoafrika and "Make America Great Again."

According to police, the "racist" messages were written during the school day on Nov. 9.

"This type of behavior is highly offensive, will not be tolerated and does not reflect the views of the Maple Grove community," police said in a statement.

In a letter to students' families, the school's principal, Bart Becker, said he was "horrified" by the "serious and disturbing racial incident."

"We immediately launched an investigation into this incident and we will take swift

and appropriate action based on the investigation findings," Becker said. "We will work very hard to identify who did this horrible act and determine how we can support the students and the staff who have been affected by it."

3. Mehreen Kasana, an editor in New York City who was wearing a scarf around her head the day after the election, said that a man told her, "Your time's up, girlie."

Mehreen Kasana @mehreenkasana I have a scarf on. Passed by someone on the platform today and he says, "Your time's up, girlie." 8:50 AM—9 Nov 2016

Kasana, a Muslim woman, told BuzzFeed News that she didn't usually cover her head but her younger sister observes the hijab. She said she wore a scarf on Nov. 9 because of the cold.

Kasana said that while she was passing by people at the subway station, a "white man who had to be in his mid-30s, holding a briefcase and a newspaper first looked at me and grunted. Then he said, 'Your time's up, girlie.'"

According to Kasana no one at the station did anything. "I almost always fight back but I think that moment was so replete with defeat and misery that, out of the sheer need to protect myself, I remained silent," she said. "The last thing I needed was to get pushed on the tracks."

4. Middle schoolers in Michigan chanted "Build the wall" in their lunchroom on Nov. 9.

Philip Lewis @Phil Lewis Middle school students in Royal Oak, Michigan chanting "Build The Wall!" 9:55 AM—10 Nov 2016

A group of middle schoolers in Royal Oak, Michigan, broke out in a "build the wall" chant inside their cafeteria on Wednesday, echoing one of Trump's rallying cries during his campaign.

"Because of the strong emotions and intensity of rhetoric that the posting of this incident to social media has elicited, we have had parents express concern regarding student safety," Superintendent of schools Shawn Lewis-Lakin said in a statement Thursday.

5. A "Make America White Again" sign with a swastika was graffitied on a softball dugout wall in a park in Wellsville, New York.

Brian Quinn @brianqwdr Trump has spoken about "Making America great again," but someone else had a different message recently in Wellsville.

1:38 PM—9 Nov 2016 Wellsville Village Police Chief Tim O'Grady told the Wellsville Daily that no one had filed a complaint about the graffiti, which was spotted on Nov. 9. He said the wall was on a privately owned field. "Unless somebody makes a complaint, we don't have any cause for action," O'Grady said. "It's vandalism, we'll look into it."

On Saturday, New York Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo announced a joint investigation involving New York State Police and the State Division of Human Rights looking into the graffiti, calling it a hate crime.

"New York has zero tolerance for bigotry, fear and hatred, and those who seek to undermine the core values this state and nation were founded upon," Cuomo said in the statement. "I have ordered a full investigation into this deplorable act."

Sixty-seven percent of votes in Allegany County, where Wellsville is located, went to Trump-Pence.

6. Photos of a black baby doll which appeared to be hung in an elevator in Canisius College in New York on the night of Nov. 8, surfaced on social media.

Jordan Roth @Baby Jay1221 This baby doll was found in a freshman elevator last night at Canisius. I don't care who

you are or what your beliefs are this is awful
3:51 PM—9 Nov 2016

The Tuesday-night incident prompted Canisius President John Hurley to send a campuswide letter strongly condemning the act, which he called “extremely troubling on several levels,” the Buffalo News reported.

He later issued a detailed message describing two separate incidents—placing the doll in the elevator and the use of the doll in a residence hall room—which involved two unrelated sets of students.

According to the public safety report, the doll was first placed in an elevator as a prank to startle people and the two strings at the doll’s neck were part of its construction. Hurley said there was no evidence that the doll was hung in the elevator as several social media posts appeared to suggest.

The elevator prank set off a chain of events “on a night when the results of the presidential election had many students feeling distressed and vulnerable” Hurley said, adding that those involved in the elevator prank would be disciplined.

The doll was then later put in residence hall room where it was hung from the curtain rod, according to the report. Students took photos of it and created memes using language about “Trump fans” which were then posted to social media, according to Hurley.

“It’s evident that what may have started as a thoughtless, insensitive prank earlier in the evening in the elevator degraded into a very offensive, inappropriate act later that night,” he said.

The students involved in the residence hall incident have been involuntarily suspended from the college pending the outcome of disciplinary cases against them, the consequences of which could include dismissal from the college, Hurley said.

7. A “fair skinned male” allegedly pulled at a woman’s hijab on Nov. 8, choking her and causing her to fall, San Jose State University police said in an alert to students.

Pam Howell @BookaliciousPam

San Jose State University sent an email that a woman had her hijab ripped off by a white male with such force it choked her as she fell.

9:08 PM—9 Nov 2016

It wasn’t clear whether the woman was attacked because of her hijab, and the university said the case was under investigation.

“We are of course very concerned that this has occurred on our campus,” a spokeswoman told the Mercury News. “No one should experience this kind of behavior at San Jose State.”

Doaa Abdelrahman, the president of the Muslim Student Association at San Jose State, told the Mercury News that she knew the victim and believed the attack was related to Trump’s campaign on election night.

“I’ve experienced racism for my religion since age 9,” Abdelrahman said. “I think Trump is the cause of a lot of segregation and division between people.”

8. “Trump” was scrawled on the door of a Muslim prayer room at New York University on Nov. 9.

The incident at the NYU Tandon School of Engineering was reported by the NYU Muslim Students Association (MSA).

The day after Trump was elected president, a Muslim student making his way to the prayer room found “Trump” scribbled across the front of prayer space door, Afraz Khan, the president of NYU MSA, told BuzzFeed News.

“Our campus is not immune to the bigotry that grips America,” the MSA said in a Facebook post.

The incident was reported to university officials, whom Khan said were doing a “wonderful job in supporting us.”

In the wake of the vandalism, the MSA organized a rally and called on fellow students “to show support that fear and intimidation have no place on our campus.”

Within 24 hours, more than 1,000 people signed up as supporters “to denounce this hate,” Khan said.

“Nothing like this has happened before at NYU and we pray this is the first and last incident,” he said.

9. “F* * * your safe space,” “Build wall,” and “Trump” were scrawled in chalk at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette on Nov. 8.

The Vermilion @TheVermilion

PRO-Trump chalk was littered in front of the EGD library last night.

10:32 AM—9 Nov 2016

Other graffiti scrawled on campus after Trump’s win included “Democrats can kiss Trump’s a* * *.”

Campus maintenance workers washed away some of the reported graffiti, while campus police were investigating several more reports of pro-Trump graffiti across the campus, the Advertiser reported.

10. “Black lives don’t matter and neither does your votes,” was spray-painted across a wall in Durham, North Carolina on Nov. 9.

Derrick Lewis @DerrickQLewis

Someone spray painted “Black lives don’t matter and neither does your votes” on a wall in Durham overnight.

3:27 PM—9 Nov 2016

Community members gathered Thursday and cleaned up the message, WNCN reported.

11. After one photo went viral, Southern Illinois University issued a statement saying they were aware of offensive social media posts and were reviewing the incidents.

“This week’s presidential election was extremely divisive and emotions are running high,” the interim chancellor, Brad Colwell, said in the statement. “A number of people have contacted my office regarding offensive behavior and comments, including social media posts. While federal law prohibits us from discussing issues related to specific students, please know that we deeply share your concerns. We are reviewing every incident and will take appropriate action.”

Colwell said that while discussions about the future of the country were important, he urged students to do so in a “civil manner that respects everyone’s right to agree or to disagree.”

Colwell issued his statement after a viral social media post showed two students from wearing blackface and standing in front of a Confederate flag.

However, one of the students in the photo later wrote on Facebook that the picture had been taken out of context. She said she had been wearing a “boscia face mask” in front of a Confederate flag she had ripped because she does not support it.

12. A Muslim student at San Diego State University (SDSU) was attacked and robbed by two men “who made comments about President-Elect Trump and the Muslim community” on Nov. 9, the SDSU police said in a safety alert.

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The two suspects, a white male and a Hispanic male, confronted the student in a stairwell in what police described as a “hate crime, robbery and vehicle theft.”

The two men “made comments about President-Elect Trump and the Muslim community, confronted her and grabbed her purse and backpack,” according to police. They also took her car keys and stole her vehicle.

“Comments made to the student indicate she was targeted because of her Muslim faith, including her wearing of a traditional garment and hijab,” SDSU police said in a statement provided to BuzzFeed News.

13. Two men in a pickup truck with a Trump flag drove to Wellesley College, a women’s liberal arts school in Massachusetts and Hillary Clinton’s alma mater, stopped in front of a house for students of African descent, and “antagonized” and screamed “Trump” and “Make America Great Again” on Nov. 9, according to accounts from students and college officials.

Wellesley police confirmed the incident and said the two “disruptive individuals” were asked to leave the property.

The two men, who were students at Babson College, were expelled from their fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon. The fraternity said that both men’s actions were “abhorrent” in a statement.

“This type of abusive, misogynistic behavior has no place in our society, and we’re proud of our chapter swiftly removing these men from our organization,” the fraternity said, Babson College was investigating both men’s actions, which the president described as “highly offensive, incredibly insensitive, and simply not acceptable.”

14. A Facebook post on Nov. 9 appeared to show a Trump supporter in a car that had Trump flags and anti-Muslim stickers including “All Muslims are terrorists, deport them all.”

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The Facebook user posted a video showing the truck with a Confederate flag on the front bumper and also stickers saying, “Kill all Muslims” and “All Muslims are child molesters.” The user later deleted the Facebook post.

15. Yarden Katz, a fellow at Harvard Medical School, said that he witnessed a US postal worker telling a man who appeared to be of Hispanic descent, “Go back to your country. This is Trump land” at a gas station in Massachusetts on Nov. 9.

Yarden Katz @yardenkatz

My letter to @USPS about what I witnessed today in Cambridge, Massachusetts. #Trump

5:46 PM—9 Nov 2016

USPS said the issue had been “escalated to the appropriate members of USPS management.” Katz told BuzzFeed News that it was an “appalling incident.”

“I was taken aback by how brazen it was on the part of the USPS worker to make racist comments, in broad daylight, in a supposedly progressive town. It clearly looks like part of a bigger national trend,” he said.

16. A swastika, “Seig Heil 2016,” and the word “Trump” with the T replaced with a swastika were graffitied on the windows on an empty store in South Philly on Wednesday, Philly.com reported.

Philly.com @phillydotcom

PhillyClout: “Sieg Heil,” swastikas, racist Trump graffiti appear in South Philly.

http://bit.ly/2FSN1kN

2:10 PM—9 Nov 2016

The graffiti was spray-painted on the 78th anniversary of Kristallnacht or “Night of the Broken Glass”—a wave anti-Jewish pogroms in Nazi Germany in 1938.

Police also investigated several other incidents of pro-Trump racist graffiti, including the words “Trump Rules” and “Black B * * *” spray-painted across a car belonging to a 62-year-old black woman, Philly.com reported.

17. Chris Weatherd, a former University of Tennessee linebacker, posted a video that

appeared to show his car vandalized with the n-word and "Trump" on Nov. 9 in Knoxville.

Chris Weatherd™ @ChrisWeatherd Who ever did this I'm throwin' hands

11:08 AM—9 Nov 2016

Weatherd told BuzzFeed News that he woke up on Wednesday morning to find that someone had used washable paint to vandalize his car with racial slurs.

He did not file a police report, but said that a family member of the person who did it had apologized to him. Weatherd did not wish to disclose the identity of the alleged suspect, but said it was a neighbor who was a Trump supporter.

He said that while he wasn't "entirely upset" about it, he posted it to Twitter to show that "this is the normal."

18. Rochelle Abraham posted a picture of a car with a Confederate flag and "Kill Kill Kill" signs in Needham, Massachusetts, the morning after Trump's victory.

Abraham told BuzzFeed News that she spotted the car, which had a POW flag, an American flag, and the Confederate flag, on the morning on Nov. 9.

"I was already feeling off center with respect to what a Trump presidency would mean for myself and those that I love," Abraham said. "First and foremost I fear for what this means for my 26-year-old son. The current murders of young unarmed black men, Giuliani era stop-and-frisk and just so much on my mind after hearing the final results. The last thing I expected to see was this atrocious, blatant display of hurtful disrespect, racism, and bigotry," she said.

While she did not see any Trump signs on the car, "just the fact that I saw this the day after the election kind of speaks for itself," she said.

19. A student at the New School in New York City on Nov. 12 tweeted a photo of what appears to be a swastika that was drawn on the door of her dorm where she lived with other Jewish women.

sam @samlichtenstein

We woke up to this on our door, in a dorm at @TheNewSchool, where 3 Jewish women live.

@ShaunKing @deray @parsonsdsgn

11:06 AM—12 Nov 2016

Samantha Lichtenstein told BuzzFeed News in an email that one of her roommates first saw the symbol when she was on her way out of the dorm this morning. She took a photo of it and sent it to her.

"My roommate and I walked around the rest of the floor to see the symbol on 3 other doors," Lichtenstein wrote. "We knocked on the doors to tell them of the defamation."

The roommates have notified and filed reports with campus security as well as the NYPD.

"We are extremely heartbroken. This may have been someone trying to play a joke, but this is not funny. And it was not just one door; 4 different doors were targeted, and only on our floor," Lichtenstein wrote.

NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio retweeted Lichtenstein on Saturday along with a short statement.

"Hate speech is reprehensible, and has no place in NYC," de Blasio said. "To the affected, we stand with you. To the perpetrators, we are better than this."

David E. Van Zandt, president of the New School, also tweeted in support of the students, calling it "abhorrent" and saying he was taking "immediate and appropriate action."

20. A woman was forced to remove her hijab on Nov. 11 by a man who threatened to set her on fire with a lighter. The incident took place at the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor.

"As told to the Ann Arbor Police, a student was approached by an unknown man,

who demanded she remove her hijab or he would set her on fire with a lighter," according to crime report posted on the university's website.

"She complied and left the area. The Ann Arbor Police are actively investigating," the statement read.

The suspect has been described as a "white male, 20-30 years old, average height, athletic build, bad body odor, unkempt appearance, intoxicated with slurred speech," according to the school's site.

Ann Arbor Police Sgt. Patrick Maguire told BuzzFeed News that the department is actively investigating the incident and is soliciting more information.

21. Several black UPenn students received racist and threatening messages Friday, including invites to a "daily lynching."

Chidera @chiderasiegbu

Black students throughout @Penn's campus, like myself, have been added to this hateful GroupMe. I am petrified and all I want to do is cry.

2:30 PM—11 Nov 2016

Several black UPenn students reported being added to a GroupMe chat included pictures of lynchings, derogatory terms and threats Friday.

University officials said the FBI and university police were contacted, and the messages were linked back to a University of Oklahoma student more than 1,400 miles away. The student has not been identified, but officials said he has been suspended in connection to the incident. Read more about it here.

22. A student at Bowling Green State University in Ohio reported being assaulted by three white men and called a racial slur, the university said.

A student at Bowling Green State University in Ohio reported being assaulted by three white men and called a racial slur, the university said.

"We immediately reached out to the student," Thomas J. Gibson, the university's vice president for student affairs, said in a statement. "Today, she filed a report with the Bowling Green Police Department. They are investigating."

23. A swastika was spray-painted on a sidewalk in New York's Brooklyn Jewish neighborhood of Crown Heights.

Mordechai Lightstone @Mottel

BREAKING: Swastika spray painted on Montgomery St in heart of Jewish Crown Heights. Note: This is not a first here (h/t @HirshelTzig)

11:35 AM—13 Nov 2016

The Nazi symbol was painted on the corners of Montgomery St. and Brooklyn Ave, Crown Heights resident Mordechai Lightstone told BuzzFeed News.

Lightstone noted this was not the first time a graffiti swastika has appeared in the neighborhood.

24. A Spanish-language sign at an Episcopal church in Silver Spring, Maryland—a heavily Latino neighborhood just outside Washington D.C.—was vandalized on Saturday night with the words "TRUMP NATION" and "WHITES ONLY."

Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington wrote on Facebook she is "heart sick" at the vandalism at the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour.

Bishop Budde added that she "can only imagine how the people of Our Saviour, one of the most culturally diverse parishes in the diocese, feel." Read more about it here.

25. A Michigan police officer was suspended after flying a confederate flag at an anti-Trump rally on Nov. 11.

Traverse City officer Michael Peters has been suspended with pay after he drove a pickup truck with a Confederate flag to an

anti-Donald Trump protest and reportedly got into a confrontation with a demonstrator. Peters was off duty at the time.

Police chief Jeff O'Brien promised an internal investigation to determine if Peters broke department rules. Read more about the incident here.

26. A church in Indiana was discovered vandalized with slurs on Nov. 13.

St. David's Episcopal Church in Bean Blossom, Indiana, was reportedly spray painted with a swastika, an anti-gay slur, and "Heil Trump."

Rev. Kelsey Hutto, a priest at the St. David's Episcopal Church, told BuzzFeed News that she was disappointed after the graffiti was discovered on the walls Sunday, but that they wouldn't "let the actions of a few damper our love of Christ and the world."

"We will continue to live out our beliefs and acceptance of all people and respecting the dignity of every human being," Hutto said to BuzzFeed News. "We pray for the perpetrators as well as those who the derogatory marks were directed at."

Hutto said that they needed to respond to hateful acts with love.

"Anyone is welcome on the sacred ground of the church," Hutto continued. "This act was an act of separation. Separation of us from each other and a separation from God which is the definition of a sin."

Mr. REID. Mr. President, what was just entered into the RECORD are references that are being made. They are awful. They are hateful. They are frightening. They are scary. I invite any of my colleagues to read these horrible acts, and I invite any Senator, Democrat or Republican, to come right down to this floor today and defend any one of them. It is an example of hate and prejudice. I don't believe anyone wants to defend hateful acts being committed in President-Elect Trump's name.

It leads to one unavoidable conclusion. Many of our fellow Americans believe that Trump's election validates the kind of bullying and aggressive behavior Trump modeled on a daily basis. How do we teach our children that bragging about sexual assault is abhorrent if we rush into the arms of the man who dismissed it as "locker room talk"? If we fail to hold Trump accountable, we all bear a measure of responsibility for normalizing his behavior.

Here is a letter from a seventh grader from Rhode Island. She wrote the day after the election, and I will quote from the letter:

I'm extremely scared, especially being a woman of color, that the president of the country that I was born and live in is making me feel unsafe when I usually don't feel unsafe. It is even scarier because this man who is now the president of the United States of America has said such rude, ignorant and disrespectful things about women and all different types of people and is now in charge of our country. I want to feel safe in my country but I no longer can feel safe with someone like Donald Trump leading the country.

Our President is supposed to make people feel safe, but on Wednesday, a seventh grade girl awoke feeling frightened to be a woman of color in America because Donald Trump was President-elect. If we ignore her voice and other voices, this seventh grader will be left

to conclude that we as a nation find her fear acceptable.

How do we show her that she does not have to be afraid? The first step is facing reality. No matter how hard the rest of us work, the main responsibility lies within the man who inspired the fear. President-Elect Trump must act immediately to make Americans like that seventh grade girl feel they are welcome in his America.

Healing the wounds he inflicted will take more than words. Talk is cheap and tweets are cheaper. Healing the wounds is going to take action, but so far, rather than healing these wounds, Trump's actions have deepened them. In one of his very first, if not his first official act, he appointed a man seen as a champion of White supremacy as the No. 1 strategist in the White House—the No. 1, everybody else under him.

According to CNN, "White nationalist leaders are praising Donald Trump's decision to name [Stephen Bannon] as his chief strategist." In the same article, White nationalist leaders say they see Bannon "as an advocate for policies they favor."

According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, Bannon "was the main driver behind Breitbart becoming a white ethno-nationalist propaganda mill."

When asked to comment on Bannon's hiring, KKK leader David Duke told CNN, "I think that's excellent."

A court filing stated that Bannon said "that he doesn't like Jews and that he doesn't like the way they raise their kids to be 'whiny brats' and that he didn't want [his] girls to go to school with Jews."

By placing a champion of White supremacists a step away from the Oval Office, what message does Trump send to the young girl who woke up Wednesday morning in Rhode Island afraid to be a woman of color in America? It is certainly not a message of healing.

If Trump is serious about seeking unity, the first thing he should do is rescind his appointment of Steve Bannon. Rescind it. Don't do it. Think about this. Don't do it. As long as a champion of racial division is a step away from the Oval Office, it will be impossible to take Trump's efforts to heal the Nation seriously.

So I say to Donald Trump: Take responsibility. Rise to the dignity of the Office of the President of the United States instead of hiding behind your Twitter account and show America that racism, bullying, and bigotry have no place in the White House or in America.

I yield the floor.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will be

in a period of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The Republican whip.

THE ELECTION AND SENATE PRIORITIES

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I came to the floor to talk about the election of November 8 and the opportunities we have, working together going forward, to turn the direction of the country around. Unfortunately, I found myself sitting here listening to the latest tirade by the Democratic leader against the President-elect and his team. Surely he is entitled to his opinion, but he does nothing to contribute to the healing of our country after a very polarizing, hotly contested election by continuing to pile on the President-elect and his team.

We had an election. The American people voted. The American people chose their next President. But to come here after the election, after the American people have spoken and made that choice, and continue to disparage their choice for the next President, as well as the leadership in the House and the Senate, really just smacks of—well, we used to call people like that sore losers. But, frankly, what he does is he also contributes to the coarsening of our discourse and debate here in the Senate.

I had to check the Standing Rules of the Senate to see whether rule XIX, which governs the terms of debate, would cover the President or the President-elect because certainly—when the Senate rules say that "no Senator in debate shall directly or indirectly by any form of words impute to another Senator or to other Senators any conduct or motive unworthy or unbecoming of a Senator," certainly the Democratic leader's comments, although not technically within the ambit of the rule, violate the spirit of the rule and the sort of debate and discussions we ought to be having here in a civilized and civil and dignified sort of way.

I realize the Democratic leader will be leaving the Senate at the end of this year. I hope we can return to the sort of civil and dignified discourse and differences of opinion that we surely will have from time to time about matters of policy. This is the Senate, for heaven's sake. This is where those differences are supposed to be debated and litigated and discussed and then we vote. But the sort of recriminations that the Democratic leader keeps coming back to just strike me as inappropriate and uncalled for.

Rather than contribute to the sort of healing of our Nation that Secretary Clinton—who, by the way, had more to complain about than the Democratic leader does in terms of the outcome; she ended up on the short end of the stick—or the President of the United States, President Obama—the comments they have made, the gracious comments recognizing the importance

of a peaceful transition of power from one Presidency to another—that is the sort of tone I wish we would hear more of here in the Senate and in the country generally, not pour gasoline on the fire, as the Democratic leader continues to do.

It is true that we had an earth-shaking event occur on November 8—the election of Donald J. Trump as the 45th President of the United States. I believe the reason Mr. Trump was elected is because the American people want change. They are eager for Washington to tackle the big challenges we are facing as a nation, from terror threats abroad to a stagnant economy here at home. They are looking forward to an administration that believes the rules apply to all of us equally—in other words, equal justice under the law, not that a separate set of rules applies to the Washington elites or those who can get away with it, that a different set of rules applies to them than applies to the rest of us in the country. They want equal justice under the law. They want restoration of the rule of law—something we have not seen in the outgoing administration because of an overpoliticized Department of Justice, among many other reasons.

I personally look forward to working with the President-elect in the years ahead to address issues that are important to my State and to families across the country.

I am grateful, as well, that the American people have entrusted such a big task to Republicans, who will lead both Chambers of Congress. In an election year that no one could predict—in fact, almost every prediction I made was wrong—in an election year where very few people were right about their predictions as to the ultimate outcome, we see a clear theme emerge: People want something different from business as usual when it comes to politics. They want us to shift gears. They felt it was necessary to get the country back on the right track. I agree with them.

I will note the one thing the American people did not want to change, and that is the Republican majority of the Senate. That led to the reelection of Republican Senators in States such as Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, in addition to the new Member of our conference from the great State of Indiana. I look forward to welcoming all of them, as well as our new Democratic colleagues, and invite them to work with us to try to meet the challenges of these times and to work together to solve the challenges and problems that confront the American people.

But it is very clear that the American people wanted a change in the White House. They did not want to change Republican majorities in both Chambers of Congress. They did not want to do that. Voters were able to cut through the noise and see what we have been able to accomplish so far—not that they gave us the Good Housekeeping seal of approval, but they have